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OUTLOOK IS GOOD REGARDING COTTON CROP.

Average condition of the cotton crop on July 25th was 75.8 per cent of normal, according to reports of correspondents of The Commercial Appeal. This compares with the government figures of 61.1 on June 25th of this year, 75 on July 25th, last year, and the 10-year average of 78.5.

The big loss in condition from last month is largely due to recent excessive rains east of the Mississippi river, where heavy damage has resulted from almost daily rains for about three weeks. Fields are grassy as a result of inability to cultivate, and the plant is woody, full of sap and fruiting poorly. In many lowlands the crop was almost if not entirely destroyed. Boll weevil activity has been encouraged by the wet weather and the ravages of this pest have been added to other damages.

West of the river the crop has done well, but some small loss from last month's high condition is noted as a result of lack of sufficient rainfall in some localities, notably the heavy producing section of north central Texas. However, conditions in the western half of belt are still good, with no damage to date that favorable weather conditions would not rectify. There is also some complaint of weevils in portions of Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas, but activity of this pest has been retarded in this section by hot, dry weather.

In the vicinity of Hickman, prospects are good for a big yield and is rated at 80 to 90 per cent as compared with the general average. There will be more staple cotton this year than in former seasons, as the difference in price more than offsets the difference in yield.

As the year closes there is an increased demand for cotton abroad, and yet the foreign demand has been from two to three millions less than usual. The indications are, therefore, for good prices. The markets of the world, as they are restricted today, will call for more cotton than was raised last year. If peace comes before the end of the year, there will be an enlarged European demand, which will take all the cotton at fair prices that America can produce on its present acreage. The estimate of the crop now is for a little over fourteen millions.

Heinz pickles and canned goods; none better.—Prather's.



News Snapshots Of the Week

Wedel, selected by the German chancellor, has started a movement in Germany for an honorable peace. Anticipating dangers awaiting her outside the three mile limit, the submarine Deutschland used all precaution in preparing for her return voyage. Cardinal Gibbons celebrated his eighty-second birthday. It now seems likely the guardsmen will spend Christmas on border. J. Frank Hanly, former governor of Indiana, was selected Prohibition candidate for president.

County School Notes

By Miss Virginia Luten, County Supt.

J. R. Wall, of Cayce, and Miss Ethel M. Rogers, of Smithland, have been elected teachers of the Jordan school. J. C. Suggs, of this county, and Miss Ollie Richardson, of Bowling Green, have been elected to teach the intermediate and primary departments of the Cayce school. Sylvan Shade will be taught by W. C. Underwood, Misses Mary Prather and Estelle Slaughter.

The interest and co-operation shown in the box supper and old-fashioned spelling match by the Graves school district and also a number of teachers and pupils from other adjoining districts was indeed an encouragement to all who are striving for the betterment of school conditions. Among the older people are many excellent spellers. The box supper was thoroughly enjoyed by the young people. The proceeds from the sale of the boxes, cakes and cream netted the school about \$28 which will be used for pictures and books for the library. Graves school is taught by Miss Estelle Bullock, who is doing excellent work.

The Island school did not open until this week, being delayed on account of the water. New Hope will begin Monday, the 7th.

Bondurant district expects to begin work on the new school building next week.

The new Workmen's Compensation Act, passed by the last Legislature, went into effect Tuesday. This law has passed through the experimental stage, now being in effect in some thirty States of the union, and is meeting with the approval of both the employers and the employees. The passage of this law in our State marks the progress of our times in the recognition of mutual rights and obligations existing between the employer and the employed. It places the burden of compensation for loss of life or limb, upon the employer without technical defenses on the one side, and gross injustice upon the other. In brief, the law provides just compensation for injuries sustained in line of duty, according to a set scale of compensation based upon the earning capacity of the disabled or deceased employee, eliminating grossly excessive or inadequate jury verdicts as existed under the common law. Under this act any person, firm or corporation, with a few exceptions, employing five or more, come within its provisions, and unless accepted, being deprived of certain defenses in case of civil suits. Many of the local employers are preparing to make application to the proper State Board to meet with the requirements of the new law, even the City of Hickman being affected by its requirements.



J. O. West left Saturday for Dawson Springs.

Mrs. C. C. Humber and children have returned from a visit to friends at Mayfield.

Jessie Helm has returned to Memphis after a visit to his mother, Mrs. Josephine Helm.

Misses Fay and Virginia Young, of McKenzie, will arrive Thursday to visit Mrs. J. O. West.

All the good things to eat at Bettersworth's at lowest prices.

Miss Portia Rogers, of Union City, has returned home after a visit to Mrs. J. O. West.

Miss Lula Douglass has returned home from a visit to friends at Gallatin, Tenn.

Miss Bettie Louise Curlin returned to Memphis Monday after a visit to Miss Carrie May Reid.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW ABOUT

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C. F. Baltzer left Sunday for Clarksville.

All kinds of coal, breezy clothes at Bradley's.

Miss Ola Monah has returned home from Dawson Springs.

Mrs. Lottie Webb Maddox, of Lexington, is visiting Miss Marie Brevard.

Getting the other fellow "do it" is being overdone in certain localities.

Mrs. Claude Linton and Miss Flynn Smith, of Fulton, are visiting Mrs. Joe Taylor.

Edgar Naylor, of Ripley, spent first of the week with Mrs. W. A. Naylor, and sister, Miss Swan Naylor.

Miss Laura Bradford Mann returned to her home in Browns Saturday after a visit to Mrs. R. B. Johnson.

T. A. Holcombe, of Greenville, Miss., returned home Sunday, after a visit to his mother, Mrs. C. A. Holcombe.

Miss Kathleen Lynch left Tuesday for a visit to her grandparents, W. E. Lynch and wife, of Winchester, Tenn.

The trouble with the man who knows what he is talking about is that he never knows when to quit talking about it.

Charlie Parham, of Louisville, who has been working in the Meigs office for the last few weeks, returned to Louisville Monday.

Twins, an 8 pound boy and a 7 pound girl—were born to the wife of Jerry Sparkman, Sunday afternoon. The little girl died Sunday night.

Mrs. Robt. Keethley and son, of Kenton, are visiting her sister, Mrs. A. O. Caruthers, and attending the bedside of her father, who has been very sick, but is improving nicely.

Dr. Wm. M. Bright, of Hickman, was in the city Tuesday having Dr. J. D. Carlton examine his eyes. The physician is in good health but his eye-sight is giving him some trouble.—Union City Commercial.

The Courier wants the news of this locality. The editors cannot find out everything that happens unless someone tells them. Because a personal notice does not appear in the paper, it is not that the editor tried to suppress it. It is because he did not know it. Don't think that because you know a thing that the editor does also. Let him have the news and he will appreciate it.

COAL RATES ADVANCED FROM \$1.25 TO \$1.50.

Effective last Tuesday, freight rates on coal into Hickman from West Kentucky and Tennessee mines jumped from \$1.25 to \$1.50, on the N. C. & St. L. Ry. This advance was sanctioned by the Interstate Commerce Commission, after an investigation of the matter some months ago.

The whole matter, as considered by the Commission, hinged upon the question whether or not there was river competition at Hickman. Unfortunately for us, Hickman was not represented upon this occasion, and a report of the proceedings show that the Commission was informed "that there had been no movement of coal by water to Hickman for many years, and also admitted that no actual competitive conditions existed," etc.

The position of the railroad in this hearing was, to say the least, paradoxical; inasmuch as the company asked that the old rate be permitted to stand, while rates to intermediate points were advanced; and then knocked the props from under their argument by saying no river competition existed here—which is the equivalent to placing Hickman in the same class with those towns off the river, and therefore forcing the Commission, in order to equalize rates, to make the advance. Without river competition existing, the Commission could not grant a lower rate to Hickman than to Union City, since it is a longer haul to this point.

An effort will be made to show the Commission that Hickman is a competitive point; that coal is being and has been shipped in by barges every year for the past ten years; that it can be shipped and unloaded for a less sum than \$1.50 a ton.

It is at once apparent that this advance will effect everybody's pocketbook, and is a big item to local industries which are large users of coal. In case the rate stands, larger and better facilities for handling river coal will naturally follow, as this is a sure cure for excessive rail rates.

Fresh candy—Dobson's

Miss Blanche Binford left Monday for a visit to relatives at Brownsville and from there to Dawson Springs for a few days.

Miss Irene Thompson left Monday for Cincinnati to study music at the conservatory.



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